

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated October 20, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

By this Amendment, Applicants amend claim 6 and add new claims 13 and 14. Accordingly, claims 6-14 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 6-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's Related Art (ARA) in view of Dingwall et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,307,188). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 6 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 6 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "...wherein the lower polarizer includes a light shielding film formed in a rectangular loop shape having a rectangular opening along a peripheral portion of the lower polarizer to permit the light to pass through the rectangular opening; wherein the light shielding film only blocks a portion of the light traveling to four sides of the lower polarizer..." None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least these features of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 6 and claims 7-12, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited references.

Claim 13 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 13 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "...a lower substrate on a lower polarizer, the lower polarizer having a blackened portion along a peripheral portion of the lower polarizer for minimizing constructive interference at a peripheral portion of the LCD device..." None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least these features of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 13 is allowable over the cited references.

Claim 14 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 14 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "... wherein the lower polarizer includes a light shielding film formed in a rectangular shape only along a peripheral portion of the lower polarizer for minimizing constructive interference at a peripheral portion of the LCD device." None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least these features of the

claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 14 is allowable over the cited references.

Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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